

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2004-0060

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY
CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SANTA ANA REGION (BASIN PLAN)
INCORPORATING AN UPDATED TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS (TDS)
AND NITROGEN MANAGEMENT PLAN INCLUDING REVISED
GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN BOUNDARIES, REVISED TDS
AND NITRATE-NITROGEN WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES FOR
GROUNDWATER, REVISED TDS AND NITROGEN WASTELOAD
ALLOCATIONS, REVISED REACH DESIGNATIONS, AND TDS AND NITROGEN
OBJECTIVES AND BENEFICIAL USES FOR SPECIFIC SURFACE WATERS

WHEREAS:

1. The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) adopted the revised Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana region (Basin Plan) under Resolution No. 94-01 on March 11, 1994. The revised Basin Plan was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on July 21, 1994 and by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on January 24, 1995 and, in part, by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on May 30, 2000.
2. On January 22, 2004, the Regional Board adopted Resolution No. R8-2004-0001 (Attachment 1) incorporating an updated TDS and nitrogen management plan that includes revised groundwater subbasin boundaries; revised TDS and nitrate-nitrogen water quality objectives for groundwater; revised TDS and nitrogen wasteload allocations; and revised reach designations, TDS and nitrogen objectives, and beneficial uses for specific surface waters.
3. The Regional Board staff prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and other State laws and regulations.
4. SWRCB staff found that provisions of the amendments, as adopted, warrant minor non-substantive clarification of the language and, therefore, requested such clarifications. Regional Board Resolution No. R8-2004-0001 delegated to the Regional Board Executive Officer authority to make minor, non-substantive corrections to the adopted amendments, if needed, for clarity or consistency. The Regional Board Executive Officer made the necessary corrections to the amendment by a memorandum dated July 12, 2004 (Attachment 2).
5. SWRCB finds that these Basin Plan amendments are in conformance with Water Code section 13240, which specifies that Regional Water Quality Control Boards may revise Basin Plans; section 13241, which specifies procedures for adopting water quality objectives; and section 13242, which requires a program of implementation for water quality objectives. SWRCB also finds that the amendments establish a management plan that is consistent with the provisions of section 303(d)(3) of the federal Clean Water Act [33 USC § 1313(d)(3)].

6. Basin Plan amendments do not become effective until approved by SWRCB and until the regulatory provisions are approved by OAL. In addition, the changes to water quality standards must be approved by USEPA, and a Notice of Decision must be filed with the Secretary of the California Resources Agency.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SWRCB:

1. Approves the amendment to the Basin Plan as adopted under Regional Board Resolution No. R8-2004-0001, as corrected by the Regional Board Executive Officer.
2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to submit the amendment and administrative record for this action to OAL and to USEPA for approval.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the SWRCB held on September 30, 2004.


Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board